Traumatic centres in hospitals in Andhra Pradesh

*313. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of district and city hospitals in Andhra Pradesh which are having Traumatic Centres to deal with emergency cases of accident victims, hospital-wise;

(b) whether Government have provided Central funds to the State to establish Traumatic Centres in hospitals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFAE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) the Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that all the 10 Teaching Hospitals are having traumatology units and in 23 District Hospitals trauma care centres are being looked after by the Ortho. Specialists.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Health being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is the responsibilty of the respective State Government to provide medical facilities. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as such has no scheme under which Central funds could be provided to the States to establish Traumatic Centres in hospitals. However, this Ministry under the Pilot Project *viz.*, Upgradation and Strengthening of Emergency facilities of State Hospitals of town/cities located on National Highways is providing financial assistance upto a maximum of Rs. 1.50 crores.

Sethu Samuthram Scheme

*314. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had invited global tender for Sethu Samuthram Scheme;

(b) if so, the status of the scheme; and

(c) by when the scheme would be completed?